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1 Senior Representative,

ATTN:

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- Notable Companions of Willow Team Contacts

Reference: 50-14-7913

1. In view of RUFER/CC's knowledge of Willow agents, identities 1, 2, and 3 of reference, we must assume the possible compromise of these contacts. However, the extent of this compromise depends on whether these identities were known as agents (contacts) of Willow Team or just known by RUFER/CC. If they were known as agents, how was this knowledge obtained by RUFER/CC?
2. It is felt at headquarters that unless these questions can be answered favorably these contacts should not be used by Willow in the future. This applies in any case to Identity 2 of reference, now that Airship has been dropped from the team. In addition, the exfiltration of Ali Petrit with Willow Team in 1952 would likely cause the Communists to be more suspicious of the Petrit family even though Identity 2 of reference was contacted during Willow's 1953 mission without mishap.
3. We would appreciate your views on discontinuing use of these contacts by Willow Team in future operations and also on their importance in the letter-drop structure set up by Willow Team.

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